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WHY KHRUSHCHEV ISN'T SCARED

Washington has done about everything it can to convince Khrushchev we mean business when we say we won't crawl out of Berlin, with our tails between our legs.

President Kennedy has called up two National Guard divisions to active duty. He has ordered three regular Army training divisions brought up to fighting strength by the year end.

He has mobilized 24,000 reserves, ordered draft calls and authorized the Pentagon to beef up the Armed Forces 18 per cent—250,000 men.

Yet, Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko met at the UN this week, it is obvious the Kremlin isn't scared at all.

Khrushchev is still convinced that no matter what the President says, or does, he'll cave in, if the stuff is called.

Why is the Russian so sure on this belief? Because President Kennedy and his advisers, brain trust, have walked up the hill time before—then thinned their backs down.

What in Cuba. Here the United States trained a force of revolutionaries, armed them, and rounded up the shipping to get them ashore, but the White House got cold feet at a critical moment.

The invasion was being wiped out because it looked like cover. The United States air force carrier group was flying over the Gulf of Mexico, in case of that, the United States would have been able to destroy the invasion force.

out his tanks and artillery at the beachhead. This was the decision put to the President at midnight.

Without the Bozox's help, the invasion was doomed, he was told by Adm. Arleigh Burke, chief of naval operations, and CIA Deputy director Richard M. Bissell.

According to reliable reports, the President procrastinated, ordered the air strike held up till dawn—and the Cuban patriots perished in the swamp.

Again, after Moscow began openly siding Communist rebels in Laos, Washington huffed and puffed. The White House warned Russians the United States would not permit them to take over Laos under a flag.

Our Marine Corps and Seventh Fleet were alerted. Again, according to reliable reports, Pakistan was promised an air lift for 500 troops.

Planes of support were obtained from Thailand, the Philippine Republic, Australia and New Zealand. Great Britain was persuaded to contribute a battalion of British troops from Hong Kong.

Then, the White House backed off and settled for a face-saving "peace conference" at Geneva. When Secretary of State Dean Rusk rose to speak, North Koreans and other Communist delegates are said to have yawned and slumped in his face.

The performance in Laos and Cuba, which was a steady stream of "peace" talks, has been a disaster for the United States. Khrushchev is still convinced that no matter what the President says, or does, he'll cave in, if the stuff is called.